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REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 16-20 and 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 58-65 were pending. Claims 16-20 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's notification of the allowability of these claims. As submitted herein, claims 45, 52, 53, 55, 58-60 and 64-65 are amended. Claims 66-74 are new. Support for the amendment of claims 45, 52, 55 and 58 is found throughout the specification and at least at p. 6, line 22, and p. 26, line 16 of the application as filed. Claims 53 and 59 are amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended. Claims 60 and 64 are amended to change dependency. Claim 65 is amended to delete reference to canceled claims. Support for new claims 66 and 68 is found throughout the specification and at least at p. 17, lines 16-18 and 34-36, and p. 18, lines 11-13. Support for new claims 67 and 69-73 is found throughout the specification and at least at p. 14, line 28 to p. 15, line 17, and p. 24, line 27 to p. 25, line 2 and lines 25-32. Support for new claim 74 is found throughout the specification and at least at p. 7, line 34-37. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by way of these amendments.

Interview

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's helpful telephone interview with Applicants' representative on August 27, 2004. In the interview the Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed the cited reference (Walt, USPN 6,023,540). In particular, they discussed Figure 3 of Walt and column 13 of Walt and differences between those disclosures and the present invention. Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed claim language that distinguishes the present invention from these sections of Walt. Applicants believe the amended claims presented herein are directed to subject matter that was agreed upon during the interview.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 65 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph because it depended from canceled claims 56 and 57. In response, Applicants have amended claim 65 so that it no longer depends from these rejected claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.